

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 983**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2920**

**By Marrero, Ford, Harper, Burks**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2779**

**By Cooper, Hardaway, Towns, Fraley, John Deberry, Coley, Gilmore, Pruitt**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, relative to elementary and secondary schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 49-6-1025.

(a) The course of instruction in all public schools for grades kindergarten through eight shall include art and music education to help each student foster creative thinking, spatial learning, discipline, craftsmanship, and the intrinsic rewards of hard work.

(b) Local boards of education are encouraged to fully implement the art and music curriculum adopted by the State Board of Education through both art and music classes, as well as integration into other core academic subjects.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 6, 2008**

  
RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 21st day of May 2008**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR